

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS
Conf. Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2022 * 8:30 AM

The Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers met via teleconference/ZOOM on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting from the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Board Members Present:

Ralph T. Jackson, Jr., Chair
Jason Murphy, Vice-Chair
William L. ("Bill") Herndon, Consumer Member
Kadyn Ochs-Williams, Audiologist
Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D; ABO Board Certified

Board Members Absent:

Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor

Attorney General's Office:

Max Changus AAG

Mr. Jackson, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Oath of Office – New Board Member

- Gwendolyn Cantrell – Replaces Joe Stock

The Board would like to welcome new Board member appointment Ms. Gwendolyn Cantrell, for a term of office expiring August 31, 2025, to succeed the Honorable Joe Stock. Ms. Cantrell was administered the Oath of Office at the beginning of today's Board meeting by Executive Director, B. Zimmerman.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Meeting Minutes:

- September 20 2022 C.C. Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Ms. Ochs-Williams moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the September 20, 2022 C.C./Zoom Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 9/21/2022 - 12/12/2022

License No.	Licensee
HA000208	Emily Hope Bryant
HAA000209	Christina Stephenie Crouch
HADE035396	Belcher Hearing Aid Service Inc.
HADE035397	Belcher Hearing Aid Service Inc.
HADE035398	The Hearing Aid Center
HADE035399	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HADE035400	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HADE035401	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HADE035402	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a

HAE035403	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HAE035404	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HAE035405	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HAE035406	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HAE035407	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HAE035408	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HAE035409	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
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HAE035414	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HAE035415	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HAE035416	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HAE035417	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HAE035418	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HAE035419	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HAE035420	Next Wave Hearing, LLC
HAE035421	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HAE035422	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HAE035423	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HAE035424	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC d/b/a
HADS001086	Caitlin Marie Breitweiser
HADS001087	Allison Vaughn Snead
HADS001088	Dima A. Abu-Samrah Salaymeh
HADS001089	Margaret Elizabeth Fisher
HADS001090	Heather Storm Hart
HADS001092	Donald Ray Hicks, Jr.
HADS001093	Destiny Nicole Johnson
HADS001094	Patricia Ann Mitchell
HAP000402	Richard Cooper Groves
HAP000403	Zachery Austin Samples
HAP000404	Kara Ann Carlton
HAP000405	Trinity Cantrell Brummett
HAP000406	Juliana Graciela Valenzuela Valdez
HAP000407	Amanda Lynn Holmes
HAP000408	Justin Clay Nations
HAP000409	Lauren Elizabeth Allen
TOTAL:	47

Correspondence:

- OTC Hearing Aids Legislation – *After review and discussion, the Board members proclaimed that they opposed the new FDA legislation regarding updates by over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids. Members will draft an official response to submit to legislators by the Board's Executive Director, that outlines their concerns with the new legislation.*
- L. Behm – RE Wax Removal – *Refer to Board rules and laws. The Board does not provide legal advice, please seek your own legal counsel for further assistance.*

Dr. Cote moved, Ms. Ochs-Williams seconded, and the Board voted to approve the ratify list of licenses as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Ochs-Williams moved, Ms. Cantrell seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), for the purpose of reviewing of applications, the previous meetings Executive session minutes, receive the Assistant Attorney General and Cognizant (Complaints) Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Jackson, Murphy, Ochs-Williams, Cote and Cantrell.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, Mr. Jackson declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during Executive Session

Applications:

- G.E.

Recommendation:

Refer to AG’s office

Dr. Cote moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to refer G.E. to the AG’s office for a Public Board Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant (Complaints) Report:

- HA200004
- HA210004
- HA220001 *J. Murphy Recused
- HA220011/HA220012
- HA220015
- HA220019
- HA220020
- HA220021

Recommendation:

Currently with AG’s office
Obtain Additional Information; Schedule for Inv Int
Tabled, Pending receipt of additional information
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Pending Board Review of Investigative Report

Ms. Ochs-Williams moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of the Cognizant’s report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Assistant Attorney General Report:

Max Changus, Assistant Attorney General, provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and /or requests for authority for proposed rules.

Mr. Murphy moved, Ms. Ochs-Williams seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General’s Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- September 20, 2022 Conf. Call/Zoom Board Meeting
- October 3, 2022 C.C. Appl. Int. Cmte Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented
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Ms. Ochs-Williams moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the September 20, 2022 Executive Session Conf. Call/Zoom Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Ochs-Williams moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 3, 2022 Executive Session Conf. Call/Zoom Applicant Interview Committee meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

CE Provider Discussion:

- HHII - Utilizing Tele-technicians to Enhance the Patient Experience – *The Board does not regulate or license tele-technicians*

Please Note: Executive Director, B. Zimmerman will send out available meeting dates to members for a Board Rules Committee to be scheduled for discussion of Board Rules. The official meeting date will be posted on the Board website.

Mr. Murphy motioned, Ms. Ochs-Williams seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 a.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1

RALPH JACKSON

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director, HC-1

Minutes approved: **March 14, 2023**